The young woman was home again after several years of absence during which she had improved her time and opportunities, and she was glad to return to her native heath, the land of Evangeline, the Acadia of her parted his hair in the middle of a head heart.

"Oh," cried the girl longing to hear a human voice, 'surely

This is the forest prineval, In the Acadian land on the shores of

the basin of Minas "Here, too, is Evangeline, but where

4s her Gabriel?" "At your service," said a strong masculine voice at her ear startling her so that she dropped her bridle rein over her horse's head. She turned and saw a man in clerical garb, one of the traveling preachers of the province, and looked at him ungraciously, annoyed at his quick application of her imprompty question addressed solely to herself Giving him a cool nod she attempted to secure her bridle, which was entirely beyond her reach. Her horse feeling its freedom, sprang forward, fording the brook with a rapid bound and galloping up the further side at a pace that nearly unsealed his rider

the new Gabriel had left her to her where royal princes and peers and fate, but after a lapse of time enough members of all the aristocracies of comstances permit me to declare my see what followed and it is as well. for him to observe her plight, and as Europe may be met or seen between she thought angrily enjoy it, he rode January and March, he was received up gently, not to hasten the speed of with less attention than his bank bal Evangeline's horse, caught the errint ance seemed to demand bridle and restored it to her hand

"Peter Grant at your service" he said, touching his hat stiffly "I am of Wagner Waterbury Cam He had on my way to visit a very st k wo the loudest automobile and the comman. Pardon me" and with a leap jany he put into it when he went his horse shot ahead and was gone | along the Cornice road and into Nice,

he is a minister "thought Evangeline | matched it perfectly "Peter Grant' Why we were schoolmates, but he has forgotten me

Then she urged her horse forward. for she, too, was going to see a sick lot of money he seldom rose from tunities woman, her deares friend Aunt Mag the table a lesser. In fact the few gie, who had been ailing for some time and she had been delayed and me des Bains de Mer et tetra les had heard no tidings for some days ! Etrangers de Monaco paid alchies ex A few more miles of hard riding and penses, and they were very heavy

Miss West reached a farmhouse of the old Arcadian type with fifty year played havor with the pigeons on the mosses on its unpainted roof and a slopes below the casino well sweep of antiquated pattern par turesquely adorning the yard in other horse was picke ed there and it saluted her with a whinny - it was the animal Peter Grant so vigorous's

"Oh" she cried out in sudden alarm "can it be possible that Aunt Maggie is the very sick woman he was coming to visit? I pray hat I may not be too late"

Women with corrugated brows and nasal tones sang the words in a word discord to which the preacher added

a robust and melodious bass Evangeline held a vigorous hand and bade them stop

"Don't you see that she is far too ill for this sort of thing' All leave the room please, and let her have alr

I will take care of her now " "She should be permitted to make her peace with God, the Rev Peter Grant spoke, partly from habit and partly from conviction. He knew who

this young woman was now, and dared

to combat her aggressive action "She never had any falling ou' with Him," Evangeline said reverently, "but now that you know who I am and why I am here, you will leave her to me. I am her nearest relative, but more than that I am a trained nurse and thoroughly familiar with a fev-

surely has medical care?" "He has given her up," said one of the retreating women, with a sly sal-

"Given her up! How dared he? And why do you speak of such a possibility before her?"

"Oh, she doesn't sense anything that is said now," complained one of the cronies, taking a reluctant depart-

The preacher took himself off with the others, but he gained a rejuctant consent to call the next day to learn how the sick woman was doing. He did not really expect to find her alive, and his slow, well-regulated faculties received a healthy shock when Vangie, ideal in her nurse's gown and white cap and apron, informed him that she had moved the sick woman from the south room to the north room, from which the stuffy carpet and obstructing furniture had been

removed. "I have telegraphed for ice and a modern doctor, and she is drinking seized it as soon as he had given one cool spring water, and is better already. Have you never heard of Aunt Maggie's goodness and charity to all who need help and consolation-how the Russian leather that had such a she brought up a poor orphan child, fragrant scent. He stole a hurrled gave her a home and the love of a mother, teaching her the value of and could not read any more because right living and unselfishness? I was his good fortune had taken his breath that child. And I am not going to let away and dimmed his sight.

"And may I not see her again?" Gabriel a wicked little smile, that the than pretty, and clearly of the class man-not the minister-understood whose acquaintance he desired. perfectly. It certainly is wonderful Sow that rancally god Cupid delivers! distantly, and then saw that he was his darts regardless of time and handing her the card case with tell place. Mrs. M. L. Rayne, in Chicago

Record-Horald

The second of th THE CASE OF WAGNER W. CLAM.

Wagner Waterbury Clam had few points that recomended him to outside

Eldest son of a packer in a western pocketful of "greenbacks," though, in Bank of England.

Little more than five feet in height, he had no figure to speak about, and that looked as if some very heavy weight had been put upon it before

it had hardened to resistance point His flery red hair added little or nothing to his beauty. He liked to express his sense of color in suits of strange hue. Then, again, he was fond of jewels, and three or four stones of great price called attention to unfortunate square fingers

Chance brought me to the scene of his arrival in Monte Carlo at the moment when he issued from the sleeping saloon at 10 to in the morning as the train drew up in the station

His valet, whom he had picked up in Paris because in addition to be ing a good servant, he understood motor cars was busily occupied with

W. W. Clam's personal effects Leaving him to struggle with them. his master strode haught is into a cab and drove to the most expensive if not the best hotel in the prince of Monaco's domains

He was rather disappointed with It would have served her right if his reception in that particular hotel,

It would serve no useful purpose to record in detail the modified triumphy "He knows how to ride a horse if, indefiance of speed regulations

In the Salle de leu he patronized roulette and as is so often the case with men who have no system and a weeks of his stay the Societe Anony

A good shot and a cool one, he He took no big prives but ran some

of the best shots very hard for them, and his winnings were always in ex matter Alphonse. his nerve and assurance were ten ark Blile

gave much space to his achievements, and copies were sent to the far west ern packer for W. W. Clam was an affectionate son in his way Indeed, he wanted to take a very rare present home to his father, nothing less than a scion of the old nobility where with to gladden his father's heart and put the crown of his own success.

One Sunday afternoon in late February Wagner Waterbury Claim satsmoking a cigar in the Casino gaid ens well pleased with himself and all the wor . He had just left the table after bringing off three successful maximums on the red and thereby setting homself square, to use

his own language on the week's play Down to that afternoon he had lost on six consecutive days. He hated being beaten partly because he was very fond of mone), and partly be cause it was a confession of failure, and he could not brook failure in any shape or form

As he watched the light blue smoke lose itself in clear air, a lady came out of the casino, followed by her maid, and sat down on a seat close by, with her back to him. He could not er case. Where is the doctor-she see her face, but her figure was very attractive, and he eyed her with lazy appreciation.

"Go to the villa, Marie," she said. addressing her maid, "take the key of my escritoire, and bring me the 500-franc notes you will find in the left-hand corner drawer."

"But, your highness-" began the maid, speaking like her mistress, with a slightly foreign accent. The lady checked her at once.

"Hush, Marie! How often am I to tell you that I wish to preserve my incognito here? What would people say if they knew that I am living alone in a villa here and playing at the tables? Go at once, and don't forget to call me plain madame, or f shall have to send you back to Vien-

na to save myself from your tongue." Fortune favors the brave, and success is for the men and women who can push when occasion offers. In two or three moments the lady rose and walked toward the terrace, leaving something on the seat.

W. W. Clam rose quickly and quick glance round to be sure the coast was clear. It was a card case, open in front and with gold edges to look and saw "S. A. Princess Adele,"

He took quick steps to the side of the unknown, and with a profound "Oh, yes. You may come and bow, asked leave to return what she preach the gospel of cheerfulness to had left on the seat. In that quick her when I think her strong enough," glance he saw a lady some 30 years and Evangeline gave her would-be of age, perhaps, handsome rather

"I thank you, sir," she said, quite

came very troubled.

"I fear, sir, you must have seen my kerchief to her lips as though to hide me?" her confusion, "and you compel me to throw myself upon your courtesy. I would not on any account have it vant, he'll direct us." known that I am here. My friends into serious trouble"

Her smile interrupted him.

"I think I know you by sight," she with big terraced grounds below. said, graciously. "Are you not the "That is the Villa Espagnole," regood records down there?" She point. Something to say to us." ed in the direction of the pigeon. Another man in liver; was standing

"very much at your service, now and eye. Alphon a checked the carat all times."

ly western accent that was less melo- to the springy turf. dious than a peacock's call, "I trust Before he could struggle, his loose does me so much honor and gives me tied behind his back, his feet were

said simply "that to say yes to your time to allow him to breathe freely request would be to defy conventions. If you say a word, said a threatenent I am living in strict retirenent at his shrinking forehead

went back to his hotel to think over exgray beard's possession the events of the day, and after a . Then long strips of white polished few discreet inquiries that his valet wood were produced from the same was able to answer he consulted the hig burdle that tay in the dry ditch, doubt about the lady's high rank and, ly over all the woodwork of the motorwidowhood. The ball was at his car and were serewed on into holes feet he had but to watch his opport already prepared by the aid of screws

at the concerts going there to sook bit was unscrewed and another took its her for he could not see what to place world wanted with Beethoven tow the Time to be off next said the man

and played on his stakes more than his

"I have some news she remarked tier to visit a very high personage. If fered an agony of apprehension he goes. I shall drop my incognitoand open my villa to my friends.

To be reckoned the least of them,"

She acknowledged the compliment and began to talk about the play

"I wonder, she said, "why you do bank. With your luck, you ought to do so. It seems to be the one thing in Monte Carlo von have not done"

"I'll try," said the *namored little man, who loved praise even when it

"Don't try in the evening at all," stop at 5 o'clock My aunt, the old ing. Good night." Grand Duchess Augustina, and her

up and tell us the news." "Mdame," said Wagner Waterbury Clam, "if my luck does not forsake misfortunes. me, one of those tables will go into

mourning." It did not forsake him. On that eventful Thursday afternoon, W. W. Clam, in a new suit of the hue afa capital of £6,000 English money, of which one-third may have represented his earlier winnings.

He started at 2 o'clock, when there was little play in progress; but a crowd soon gathered, and in 20 minutes after 4 the bank capitulated.

doubled his capital, and, by a series of happy coups at another table, he added nearly £2,000 to his store before

he stayed his hand. He had scarcely finished before a up to him with a heavily sealed let-

quire congratulation, not consolation." and to give each its proper name. The paper was heavily crested and stamped in gold, "Villa Espagnole,"

Outside the Casino the lucky player's motor-car was waiting by the alike there would be no marriage.

"The Villa Espagnole, Alphonse, as alike there would be no bigamy.quickly as you can," he said, as he Puck.

COST

"Pardon, but I do not know it," said name," she said, pressing a tiny hand. the valet; "perhaps you can direct

"Hang it all!" said W. W. Clam; "afraid I can t. Run and fetch the ser-

It was late afternoon, the cool air would be very vexed, and I should get was very comforting after the heat and glare of the Casho. Alphonse "Madame," said W. W. Clam, bow, drove the car, his master at his side state, he came to Monte Carlo with a ing low, "your secret is as safe with and the footman behind. They turnme as if it had never been spoken. I ed skilfully into a long, empty lane. point of fact, they were issued by the am a citizen of that great republic-" in the direction of a very beautiful villa that stood on a spur of the hills.

> young millionaire from the States who marked the footman, "and see, there troubles the bank and makes such is her highness major domo. He has

> by the edge of the little wood that "I am Wagner Waterbury Clam, staited at the end of the lane, and remadame, he said howing once more, celving pero ssion from his master s

> W. W. Clain saw that the man who "You are very kind," she said sim- ame towards them had a grey beard ply, and, bowing turned away. But and the traditional aspect of the old this action did not suit her new ac- retainer, rose in his seat to greet him, and then his feet were caught sudden "I trust, madame," he said, revert- ly, a big muffler shot round his mouth ing in his intense emotion to a pure-from behind and he shot forward on

> that I may claim an acquaintance that fur coat was icn oved, his hands were lashed together his eyes were bound. She turned again. "I fear, sir," she and the mutfiler was loosened just in

> more than ever. But I am not insent ling voice in his ear, you will get a sible of the service, your discovery built through your head. Feel this and discretion may prove to me and it is your own revolver. The cond your race will not be defined. At pres. muzzle of the accised thing touched

> the villa lent me by a friend, if cir. Wagner Waterbury Clam could not presence here, I shall hope to see my. The gray bearded retainer removed way to acknowledge my debt. In the beat' and wig and became 40 years meantime, I beg you not to follow younger and far less respectable, the powdered gray of the first footman be She moved away with a very slight came black. Wigs frogged liveties how and \$\tilde{\mathbb{N}}\$ W Clam remained whose were hidden in a disch and the other he was for five minutes, and, their clothing taken from a bundle in the

'Almanach de Gotha which left no and strange to say they fitted exact that the ingenious Alphonse diew He raw for several times after that from his pecket. The number pare

had John Philip Sousa. He went to who had be hose to high and gray. the operation and twice at the karn, heavily at first sight, when he had ing tables he had the good fortune to gone carefully over the pockets of the

cess of his bases when he came to and don't lose to leave that terribie balance the books. She watched bem red suit, responded the valet irritabrief exclusive of courtesies into con-elicase after he broke the bank. Monversation. In the cardens they met Dien what I have endured. It was once more when the first interview tetrible. I want to cut that one up,

"Be quick then " said the elder man, "I hear hat the empetor is leave g indulgently, and Alphonse took out a the cest al for a fortught's shooting pair of seissors and sliced the offendand is then likely to cross the fron ing garments while W. W. Clam suf-

Now," he whispered to his prostrate master. "I'm going to uncover your mouth to give you a drink. Shout said Wagner Waterbury Clam "will and you die " He motioned the nearmake me the prondest man in the er man to hold a flask, and W. W. Clara drank eagerly. It was strong spirit, and he needed it. His mouth with another of her fascinating smiles, was field again, not cruelly, but securely

"This way!" cried Alphonse, and not make a big attempt to break a they carried their victim to the wood

and laid him in his thick fur cloak "Listen," he added, as he drew the glittering rings off those square fingers, "there was something in the cognac You will go to sleep for some was delicately administered "Thurs hours-perhaps, till morning, when day's always been my lucky day. I'll the laborers will find you. If you had try then. I'll go right there after din. lost this afternoon, my friend in livner to-morrow night, with my letters ery had a letter to say that the grand of credit cashed, and, if the ordinary duchess had not arrived. Do you unrooms won t do. I'll try the cercle derstand? I'm leaving it in your pocket to explain itself. You won't find us. There is no villa Espagnole, there she said, "try in the afternoon, and is nothing—except us, and we are go-

daughter may be coming to tea with W. W. Clam was found next mornme at the villa, and if they are, I'll ing by laborers on their way to the send one of my servants down to meet olive plantation, and left Monte Carlo you at 5 o'clock and you shall come on the following day. His pride had suffered worse than his pocket, and he made no attempt to advertise his

But he has gone on a grand tour through Europe, searching with admirable energy in every capital for the lady with the fascinating smile, the young footman, the gray-bearded refected by ripe plums, attacked the rou-tainer, and the valet, who is so ex-

> Game of "Scents." A favorite game among Japanese children is what is known as the

"game of scents." At entertainments corresponding to our Christmas parties various pastilles ment; W. W. Clam had almost are burned and the youthful guests adventure. are asked to give a name to the dif-

ferent kinds. A variation of the game is to sprinkle handkerchiefs with perfume He had scarcely finished before a perfume is A more popular version young man in neat black livery came of the game of scents would be the "game of tastes."

Don't you boys and girls thing so? ran, "if you do not mind facing a par. Think what fun it would be for us ty of eight ladies. My aunt has to be requested to sample a large brought some friends. I hope you re- assortment of sweetmeats and cakes

If Women Knew.

If women knew that all men are If men knew that that all women are

tale titles full to view. Her face be wrapped himself in the heavy fur CASTLE, WITH SECRET

Near the border of two Scottish counties, set in the middle of a broad and fertile strath, and protected from the northern blasts by a range of lofty mountains, there stands, and has stood for generations, an ancient feudal castle

Although the oldest wing dates from the thirteenth century, the greater part of it was built in Jacobean days, and with its numerous turrets, battlements corbels, and pinnacles realis the glories of Chantilly and other great French chateaux of the same period it belongs, together with the surrounding estate, to a wealthy peer whose grandfather married a north of England helress with a dowry of over a million sterling During the greater part of the year the castle is untenanted save by a few servants and caretakers, for the owner spends his winters abroad and his summers in the English seat brought into the family by the abovementioned herress. But during the automn months it is full of life and gayety; for its kindly lord and lady, who have many children and grandchildren and a host of friends, keep open house then in their old Scottish home and its halls and corridors, natiow passages and winding staircases echo with the sound of merry voices and the tread of youthful feet from morning til night

theerful however as the invited guest finds the old castle and warm as is the welcome extended to him within its walls he must be posses ed of a little currosity and less imagmatten if he does not feel his pulse somewhit quickened and his sleep somewhat broken during the period of his residence there. For he has probably heard already something of the wend associations which aling to the house and its owners and of the mysterious secret said to be known only to the head of the family, to his heir and to one other person -- a

No clue to the mystery has ever depositanes of it, but popular belief has long connected it with a secret ! in its wals

in it and lock the door "

to him in one of the towers, and he mained" was in the full enjoyment of his to an end in strange fashion.

Coming home unexpectedly early one afternoon from shooting deaving Herzegovina, the attention of the most of his fellow guests still in the traveler is arrested at every turn by stubbles), and mounting to his turret the varied costumes of the nativeschamber, he noticed a singular cir- veiled Mohammedan women with cumstance A stain which he had henna-stained nails; men in red often observed in the carpet under fezes, enormous blue trousers and the window was now visible exactly zouave jackets; young girls in almost at the oposite corner of the room, transparent white garments, beneath showing that during his few hours' which voluminous trousers droop over absence the whole of the furniture flat-soled, peak-toed shoes of deer must have been moved out of the hide, profusely decorated with red apartment and the carpet taken up. | leather, and yet other women whose The impulse came upon him to re headgear is a cross between a coalpeat the process. Out into the pas- scuttle bonnet and a chimney cowl. sage, accordingly, went bed, chairs, horrible to look upon and suggestive tables, wardrobe, and everything else; of suffocation and unapproachable up came the carpet, and there, in the prudery. Though these countries are centre of the floor, was the inevitable | ruled by Austria, the people are estrap door Lifting it, he descried a sentially oriental. steep flight of steps, which he descended, lighted candle in hand, and found at the bottom a narrow winding passage, along which he cautiously made his way Suddenly he was brought up tion of her daily toil. If she smile short by a dead white plastered wall, barring his further advance; and put- does not immediately respond, but ting out his hand to touch it, his finger went half an inch into the plaster, which was soft, wet, and evident her as she lies asleep beside her parly quite newly laid on. Smoothing it ents. The parents, if they approve, over as best he could (not an easy make no sign, but sleep on-or pretask without a proper implement), he quietly retraced his steps to his room, rearranged carpet and furniture exactiv as he had found them, and went down to tea, keeping his own counsel,

and saying nothing to any one of his Next morning, while he was still in bed, a note was brought him from his host's lawyer, who was staying in the eastle. It inclosed a check, and brief- taken away, a lion at the zoological and make the children say what each ly informed him that his services headquarters at St. Louis died. A live were no longer required, and that a sheep was recently placed in the carriage would be in readiness to take cage and bleated in terror, but the him to the railway station at the lion merely paced back and forth earliest hour convenient to himself .- and the sheep was unharmed. The London Mail.

Increase in Sugar Trade.

One effect of the acquisition of the new insular possessions of the United one, and in every Korean city there States is shown in the enormous in are several, appointed listeners. These crease in the sugar trade. In the last spies, called by the Koreans "messenfiscal year we imported more than 5,-000,000,000 pounds of the commodity, king of everything that happens. Not of a valuation of over \$100,000,000.— a word is said about the king without American Exporter.

RUSSIA RULES BY THE SNOW.

By the Siedge Alone She Owes Advance to the East.

The world has moved so quickly of late that it is difficult to realize that a century ago Russia occupied the first place among European countries for the cheapness and rapidity with which the land transport of merchandise could be effected.

The facilities for traveling and for the conveyance of goods provided by the sledge-then the easiest of all modes of transport by land-gave Russia for half the year as great a physical advantage over most other Continental countries in this direction as Great Britain possessed by her countless roads over the ocean wave. Visitors to Moscow a century ago recorded their amazement at finding when dining with wealthy nobles in mid winter fresh fruit and vegetables that had been brought by rapid sledge fransport from the south, luxuries that no money could at any time have purchased in Paris. Berlin or even London.

To the sledge road alone Russia owed the possibility of her rapid advance to the East, in which her empire had increased at the average rate of a little over eighty kilometres a

day since the reign of Peter the Great. The Russians gliding eastward over the snow won their grand empire of Northern and Eastern Asia just as the Anglo-Saxons, ploughing their way westward through the ocean won theirs on the other side of the Atlantic, and both now are face to face upon the eastern and western shores of the Pacific Russian Life in Town and Country.

Greeley's Visit to Colorado. In his reminiscences Henry Villard

tells of Horace Greeley's visit to Colorado. He and a companion went in one of the express stages and had met with a singular and perilous accident. In driving through a herd secret so gr m and terrible as to affeet the whole lives of those who or of the coach had attacked and learn it, and make them different upset it Greeley had received a severe cut below his right knee, crippling him for several weeks. Being been given by any one of the three confined to his room in the hotel by his wounds Greeley was greatly chamber in the cash, which rumor night that rose unceasingly from the assigns as the habitation of a strange harroom. Villard writes. "His wrath disturbed by the sound of reveiry by half hitting treature of territy ng cultimated on the third night of h.s. aspect and tabellous age the in article torbines. I was fortunate enough to embod ment of the carse with a rests be with him and thus became an eye apon the house. In the gavest mor and our witness of what hapened ments enjoyed by these who during About 10 oclock he got up and inthe bright days of early autumn stated on limping to the barroom His mining the guest coambers of the cise appearance though his presence in have a seat very near her prostrate vector and removed the rich the there is always an indefinable the builting was generally known, He played heav's and boas'filly booky they contained. What's the feeding of some word played e with created surprise and instant silence. in its wals.

My dear young lady, were the said he, I have been in pain and words of the nost to one who was without sleep for almost a week and her good night tit is I know, the a guest of this hotel, I pay a high price custom of lides to sit up late in one for my board and lodging and I am another's rooms, chatting and so on jentified to rest during the night. But Now, that is not allowed here. When he can I get it with all this noise you go to your room to night, remain go g on in this place?" Then he addressed one of the most pathetic A young medical man was not long appeals I ever heard to those around ago staying at the astle, by invita- him to abandon their vicious ways tion of its owner, who had made his and become soher and industrious. acquaintance abroad, and, being some He spoke for nearly an hour and was thing of an invalid had asked him to listened to with rapt interest and the come and take a few weeks' holiday most perfect respect. He succeeded, in Scotland, and at the same time to too, in his object. The gambling give him the benefit of his profes- stopped and the bar was closed every sional skill. A room was assigned night at 11 o'clock as long as he re-

> visit, when it was suddenly brought Odd Costumes of Eastern Countries, Both in Mostar, the capital of Bosnia, and in Sarajevo, the capital of

> > How Men of Borneo Make Love. When a Dyak of Borneo makes love he helps the girl in the hardest porupon him, no matter how sweetly, he waits until the next dark night. Then he steals to her house and wakens tened to. If the girl accepts she rises and takes from her lover the betel and sweetmeats he has brought her. That seals their betrothal and he departs as he came, neither speaking nor be-

Lion Starves Himself to Death. After starving itself for almost two weeks because its mate had been lion was valued at \$3,000.

ing spoken to.

Korean Spies in Every Village. In every Korean village there is gers on the dark path," inform the

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